

# ***SUNDANCE SOLAR SYSTEMS***

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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing to contribute to the discussion at the Jobs Listening Session on January 8<sup>th</sup> in Helena. Unfortunately I am not able to attend in person but I appreciate the opportunity to provide written comment.

I own and operate a renewable energy company; Sundance Solar Systems, located in Red Lodge, Montana. We specialize in residential and commercial photovoltaic and wind energy systems. I started my business in 1994 and have since experienced steady growth in this industry not only in Montana but in the Nation as a whole. I was appointed to the State Workforce Investment Board in 2009 by Governor Schweitzer because, I believe, I represent a growing professional sector of the Montana economy. As with any new technology and business it is imperative that it be supported by the local governments not only with financial incentive but also with personal commitment. There are many economies throughout the world that have made these commitments and are currently nurturing a thriving professional job base. I urge the 2011 legislature to continue and expand the Renewable Energy Standards in Montana and explore new tax incentives to encourage this technology here. While Montana is rich with fossil based energy resources it is also an excellent location for photovoltaic and wind energy production. I encourage you to make the necessary investments into our energy future by supporting this clean, renewable, and sustainable industry in Montana and set a national example for far-sighted, innovated job creation.

Thank you very much for your consideration and again I apologize for missing in person this responsible and important event.

Sincerely,

Henry Dykema